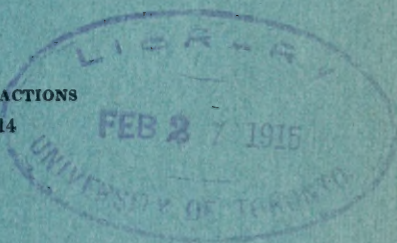


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ANNUAL REPORT
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OF THE
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OF PHILADELPHIA
FOR THE YEAR 1914



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1914

MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the ordinances and By-Laws of the College, I herewith submit the following report of the Library Committee for the year 1914:

Total number of volumes in the Library, including the bound volumes and 10,064 unbound "Reports" and "Transactions"	105,540
Number of unbound "Theses" and "Dissertations"	12,889
Number of unbound pamphlets	85,142

Included in the above total there are 3,284 volumes known as "reserves," consisting of second copies of some of the more important periodical publications, and 3,026 volumes more or less incomplete.

The duplicates, which are not included in the above total, number 5,002.

The following table shows the number of volumes in the various divisions of the Library:

	Bound.	Incomplete and unbound.	Total.
General Library	75,113	2,979	78,092
Lewis Library	13,575	44	13,619
On permanent deposit:			
S. D. Gross Library . . .	3,545	3	3,548
Library of the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia .	217	..	217
			<hr/> 95,476

The Library has received from all sources, during the past year, 3,977 volumes, 11,587 pamphlets, and 21,158 numbers of

various periodicals. Of these 372 volumes and 18 pamphlets were received in exchange.

Accessions (including 200 volumes "reserves"):

General Library	2,929
Lewis Library	13
S. D. Gross Library	20
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	2,962

Photographs received in response to requests sent out during the past year:

Foreign, 86.

Fellows of the College, 24.

The individual "donors" for the year ending November 1, 1914, number 482; this represents 893 distinct presentations. Each gift is duly acknowledged and properly recorded.

The following list shows the donations of twenty-five volumes or more; the number of volumes presented by the various publishing houses; and the gifts of the Philadelphia Pediatric Society:

	Volumes.
Dr. Edward P. Davis	211
Dr. George McClellan	135
Dr. Richard S. Hooker	104
Dr. Charles S. Turnbull	89
Dr. W. Wayne Ashhurst	84
Mrs. Thomas S. Kirkbride	67
Dr. Astley P. C. Ashhurst	62
Dr. R. H. D. Swing	60
Dr. Hobart A. Hare	57
Dr. James E. Talley	49
Dr. L. F. Lautenbach	45
Philadelphia Department Health	38
Mr. Montgomery Harris	37
Dr. John B. Roberts	36
Dr. William W. Keen	29
Dr. David Riesman	27
Dr. F. M. Strouse	27
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	25

From the publishing houses of:

P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	26
F. A. Davis Company	10
Lea & Febiger	7
Lemcke & Buechner	4
J. B. Lippincott Company	23
W. B. Saunders Company	36
William Wood & Company	6

From the Philadelphia Pediatric Society: 2 volumes.

The Library is indebted for large gifts of pamphlets and unbound periodicals to the following donors:

Dr. Lewis H. Adler, Jr.	Dr. Fred Harlen Klaer
Dr. Oscar H. Allis	Dr. John A. Kolmer
Dr. Herman B. Allyn	Dr. R. G. LeConte
Dr. Astley P. C. Ashhurst	The J. B. Lippincott Co.
Dr. John Aulde	Dr. George McClellan
P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	Dr. Edward Martin
Dr. E. J. G. Beardsley	Dr. Charles K. Mills
Dr. Henry W. Cattell	Dr. John K. Mitchell
Dr. Burton Chance	Dr. S. Weir Mitchell
Dr. S. Solis Cohen	Dr. George W. Norris
Dr. John M. Cruice	Dr. Francis D. Patterson
Dr. Edward P. Davis	Dr. David Riesman
Dr. G. G. Davis	Dr. John B. Roberts
Dr. A. A. Eshner	Dr. George G. Ross
Dr. Thomas H. Fenton	The W. B. Saunders Co.
Dr. Lawrence F. Flick	Dr. Albert C. Sautter
Dr. Charles H. Frazier	Dr. George E. de Schweinitz
Dr. Joseph S. Gibb	Dr. B. Schwartz
Dr. John C. Gittings	Dr. Charles F. Taylor
Dr. J. P. Crozer Griffith	Dr. William J. Taylor
Dr. S. McC. Hamill	Dr. C. S. Turnbull
Dr. Hobart A. Hare	Dr. Henry R. Wharton
Mr. Montgomery Harris	Dr. J. William White
Dr. Charles J. Hatfield	Dr. James C. Wilson
Dr. Frederick P. Henry	Dr. C. S. Witherstine
Dr. J. Norman Henry	Dr. George B. Wood
Dr. A. Bern Hirsh	Dr. Horatio C. Wood
Dr. William W. Keen	Dr. M. W. Zimmermann

797 new publications were added to the Library during the past year; 56 of these works were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

41 volumes were presented by the following authors or editors:

Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	Dr. Edward Jackson (editor)
Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst (editor)	Dr. Morris Jastrow
Dr. H. Byrd	Dr. Frank C. Knowles
Dr. A. Ciampolini	Dr. Thomas McCrae
Dr. F. C. Daniel	Dr. Charles H. May
Dr. Warren B. Davis	Dr. J. Ewing Mears
Mr. Henry J. Fuller	Dr. S. Weir Mitchell
Dr. R. Galeazzi	Dr. W. S. Newcomet
Dr. E. H. Goodman	Dr. George W. Norris
Dr. Alfred Gordon	Dr. R. M. Pearce
Dr. H. A. Hare	Mr. E. B. Phelps
Dr. H. A. Hare (editor)	Miss Gertrude Rand
Dr. Guy Hinsdale	Dr. T. E. Satterthwaite
Dr. Daniel M. Hoyt	Mr. Edward Trust (compiler)
Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry	Dr. G. Vicarelli
Dr. William Zentmayer (editor)	

22 volumes were sent by the publishers at the request of the following authors or editors:

Dr. James M. Anders	Dr. William W. Keen
Dr. H. W. Cattell (editor)	Dr. Joseph McFarland
Dr. J. Chalmers Da Costa	Dr. Charles E. de M. Sajous
Dr. Edward P. Davis	Dr. Jay F. Schamberg
Dr. G. G. Davis	Dr. Henry W. Stelwagon
Dr. John B. Deaver	Dr. James Thorington
Dr. M. H. Fussell	Dr. James Tyson
Dr. Fielding H. Garrison	Dr. H. G. Wells
Dr. R. M. Goepf	Dr. William H. Wells

Summary of the Funds:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund	57	\$169.90
Luther S. Bent Fund	19	37.86
William T. Carter Fund	56	167.79
Gerardus Clarkson Fund	16	49.28
Francis X. Dercum Fund	54	210.83
Louis A. Duhring Fund	4	21.12
John D. Griscom Fund	58	218.14
William F. Jenks Fund	57	219.69
Oliver A. Judson Fund	15	62.20
William V. and John M. Keating Fund	7	30.91
William W. Keen Fund	10	40.87
Library Endowment Fund	155	700.46
Horace Magee Memorial Fund	19	132.47
J. Ewing Mears Fund	40	115.74
Charles K. Mills Fund	2	11.31
Weir Mitchell Fund	45	178.10
John H. Musser Fund	11	27.42
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund	27	61.01
William F. Norris Fund	34	131.73
Charles A. Oliver Fund	3	12.77
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund	9	18.79
Lewis Rodman Fund	45	160.71
Douglas Stockton Warren Fund	35	104.42
John F. Weightman Fund	5	27.33
Caspar Wistar Fund	72	142.36
	855	\$3,053.21

Special Accounts:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Fund for completing files of journals	199	\$618.94
Fund for rare and valuable books	6	217.28
Journal Association	13	71.90
New Book Fund	29	92.48
S. D. Gross Library Account.	18	177.21
	265	\$1,177.81

George B. Wood Fund for Library supplies, stationery, etc. Expended,
\$446.07.

There were 1,813 volumes bound during the past year. This includes all new unbound books and current periodicals.

	1914.	1913.	Increase.
Number of visitors to the Library .	8469	8272	197
			Decrease.
Fellows of the College	3818	3952	134

The Library has been kept open two evenings each week and on the six minor legal holidays, for the same hours and period of time as during the preceding year:

	1914 (78 evenings).	1913 (76 evenings).	Decrease
Visitors, evening	462	573	111
Fellows of the College	145	204	59
			Increase.
Visitors, legal holidays	154	152	2
Fellows of the College	49	40	9

The above figures are included in the total number of visitors for the year.

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
Number of books consulted in the Library	24,000	24,430	430

The number of books reported as "consulted in the Library" includes only those supplied by the Librarian or his assistants. Readers have access to the bound volumes kept on the shelves in the "Reading-room," and the Fellows of the College have access to the "Book-stacks." There are, therefore, a great many volumes consulted of which no accurate record can be kept.

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
Number of books taken out. . . .	4301	4483	182
	Works.	Volumes.	Cards written.
Cataloguing	1111	1167	11,240

All the books added to the shelves during the past year and 123 of the more important pamphlets have been catalogued, and each volume has been accessioned and shelf-listed.

9,232 unbound pamphlets and reprints have been subject-

headed and arranged alphabetically by subject, and by author under the subject.

Revision of catalogue: Number of cards revised, typewritten, examined, and alphabeted for the year ending November 1, 1914: 9,658. The revision of the catalogue has been completed as far as the subject "Trypsin" in the second series of the "Index-Catalogue."

6,087 shelf-list cards have been revised and typewritten (in addition to the current work). This completes the revision of the shelf list.

The current periodical publications, including "Transactions" and "Reports," received as issued, at this time are obtained through the following sources:

	American.	Foreign.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund	0	13
Dr. Albert P. Brubaker	1	0
William T. Carter Fund	2	12
Francis X. Dercum Fund	0	12
John D. Griscom Fund	2	34
Samuel D. Gross Library Account	0	3
William F. Jenks Fund	2	16
Journal Association	1	8
Oliver A. Judson Fund	0	7
William V. and John M. Keating Fund	0	7
William W. Keen Fund	2	10
Library Endowment Fund	4	108
J. Ewing Mears Fund	0	2
Weir Mitchell Fund	1	29
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund	0	1
William F. Norris Fund	1	9
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund	0	7
Lewis Rodman Fund	0	13
John F. Weightman Fund	0	4
Caspar Wistar Fund	1	9
By Purchase, General Account	28	330
In Exchange	91	88
Editors	120	21
Publishers	47	1
	303	744

	American.	Foreign.
Brought forward:	303	744
In addition, current numbers of periodicals are received, at stated intervals, through the courtesy of the editors and editorial staff of the following journals:	149	58
American Journal of the Medical Sciences		
Medical World		
Therapeutic Gazette		
	452	802

Total number of periodicals received at this date, 1,254.

New subscriptions added during the past year: American, 15; foreign, 40. Total, 55.

We exchange publications with the following schools of medicine:

University of Amsterdam.	University of Königsberg.
" Basel.	" Lausanne.
" Berlin.	" Leiden.
" Bern.	" Leipzig.
" Bonn.	" Liège.
" Breslau.	" Lund.
" Erlangen.	" Marburg.
" Geneva.	" Rostock.
" Giessen.	" Strassburg.
" Göttingen.	" Upsala.
" Griefswald.	" Utrecht.
" Halle.	" Würzburg.
" Heidelberg.	" Zurich.
" Kiel.	
Faculty of Medicine of Bruxelles.	
" "	Paris.
" "	Toulouse.
" "	Yucatan.

The University of Liège and the University of Utrecht have been added to the list during the past year.

1,662 dissertations have been added to the Library during the year, in addition to the Paris theses, which are collected and bound by our agent in Paris, before being delivered.

We have received for the current year ending November 1, 1914, \$355.66 in cash from the sale of duplicates.

We have an exchange, arranged on a cash basis, with two New York dealers; and have received during the past year books and journals valued at \$62.35, and have a balance to our credit of \$93.62.

During the year we have distributed duplicate books and journals on exchange, account to the following:

Boston Medical Library Association.
 Denver Medical Library.
 Medical Library Association.
 Medical Library, New York State Library.
 Pittsburgh Academy of Medicine.

Returns have been received from the Boston Medical Library Association, Denver Medical Library, the Medical Library Association and the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office. With the aid of exchanges, and by purchase from funds appropriated for the purpose by the Library Committee we have, since November 1, 1913, completed our files of the following journals:

Anatomische Hefte. Wiesbaden.
 Archives Internationales de Physiologie. Liège and Paris.
 Archivos de Oftalmologia Hispano-Americanos. Madrid and Barcelona.
 Journal of Ophthalmology, Otology, and Laryngology. New York and Lancaster, Pa.
 Klinische Monatsblätter für Augenheilkunde. Erlangen and Stuttgart.
 Ophthalmologische Klinik. Stuttgart.
 Paris Chirurgical. Paris.
 Il Policlinico. Roma.
 Skandinavisches Archiv für Physiologie. Leipzig.
 Therapeutisches Jahrbuch. Wein.
 Therapie der Gegenwart. Wien.

Amount of fines collected from November 1, 1913, to November 1, 1914, \$26.50.

The following is a list of the rare medical books and works of special interest received during the past year:

Incunabula

(Total number of incunabula at this date, 176)

Albertus Magnus. (Summa de quatuor cœvis et de homine.) Venetiis, Simon de Luere, 1498. A remarkably well-preserved copy in perfect condition, from the famous "Strozzi" Library. (Presented by Dr. Richard H. Harte.)

Plinius, Cajus Secundus. (Historia naturalis.) Historia naturale di C. Plinio secondo tradotta di lingua Latina in Fiorentina per Christophoro Landino Fiorentino. Venetiis, Nicolaus Janson Gallicus, 1476. A superb copy. Believed to be the first Italian edition of any classic. (Presented by Henry Reed Hatfield, Esq.)

Works of Special Interest

Ayrer, G. H. Commentatio iuris ecclesiastici de iure dispensandi circa connubia. Gottingae, Regiae Univ. off. librar., 1742. (Presented by Dr. Thomas Biddle.)

Briggs, Gulielmus. Ophthalmo-graphia, sive oculi ejusque partium descriptio anatomica. Lugduni Batavorum, 1686. (Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Chamberlen, Peter. Vindication of publick artificiall baths and bath-stoves. London, 1648. (Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Chesneau, Nicolas. Observationum medicarum libri quinque. Lugduni Batavorum, Haak, 1719. (By purchase.)

Faber, A. O. De auro potabili medicinali. (London), Faber, 1677. (Fund for rare books.)

Fuller, Henry J. "Old Q" and the apothecary, being a record of a famous trial. (London, privately printed), 1913. (Presented by the author.)

Glauber, J. R. Pharmacopoeae spagyricae. Amstelodami, Janssonium, 1657. (Fund for rare books.)

Harvey, William. Exercitationes de generatione animalium. Londini, Pulleyn, 1651. First edition. A presentation copy from Harvey to Francis Bernard. This work was specially bound for Dr. Mitchell by Emily Tuckerman, with an impression of the Harvey "Stemma" on the sides. (Presented by Dr. John K. Mitchell.)

Hippocrates. Aphorisms of Hippocrates and the sentences of Celsus. Second edition corrected * * * by Sir Conrad Sprengell. London, Wilkin, 1735. (Fund for rare books.)

Letters and memoranda relating to William Harvey. (Bequeathed by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Mitchell, S. Weir. List of medical cadets in service during the War of the Rebellion. (Philadelphia, 1913). (Typewritten.) (Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Pamphlets relating to William Harvey, with manuscript notes by W. J. Harvey. (Bequeathed by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Pemell, Robert. De morbis puerorum, a treatise of the diseases of children. London, Stephens, 1653. (Fund for rare books.)

Perry, Charles. View of the Levant, particularly of Constantinople, Syria, Egypt, and Greece. London, Woodward, 1743. (By purchase.)

de Vigo, Joannes. Most excellent workes of chirurgerye made and set forth by maister John Vigon. (London), Whytechurch, 1543. (Fund for rare books.)

Vesalius, Andreas. De humani corporis fabrica librorum epitome. Basileae, Oporini, 1543. This work is extremely rare. It was issued unbound, and, in consequence, perfect copies are seldom found. The present copy lacks three leaves—C, G, and L. (Presented by Dr. Harvey Cushing.)

Manuscripts

Finch, Heneage (Earl of Nottinham). Commonplace book. (London), 1647. An extremely precious book. Contains some odd notes and memoranda by Finch and others; but its great value consists in having two pages, 582 and 583, the contents of which are written and signed by William Harvey for his nephew and patient Heneage Finch, about 1647. Nowhere, it is said, outside of the British Museum, can so much of Harvey's writing be found. (Bequeathed by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Other Interesting Additions

American Medical Association. Four badges. (Presented by Mr. Charles Perry Fisher.)

Barton, John Rhea. Marble bust by P. Romanelli. (Presented by Mrs. John Astor and Mrs. Francis C. Lawrance.)

Harvey, William. Cup and saucer with the Harvey arms, from the Harvey mansion, Essex, England. (Presented by Dr. John K. Mitchell.)

Hunter, Charles T. Portrait in oils by Rittenberg. (Presented by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Moulton.)

International Medical Congress. Badge of the Ninth Meeting. (Presented by Mr. Charles Perry Fisher.)

McClellan, George. Portrait in oils by Julian Story. (Presented by Mrs. George McClellan.)

Morton, Thomas G. Portrait in oils by H. H. Breckinbridge. (Presented by Mr. Arthur V. Morton.)

Osler, Sir William, Bart. A signed sketch by Sargent. (Presented by Lady Osler.)

Storer, Horatio R. Bronze medal designed by R. Tait McKenzie, M.D. (Presented by Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs.)

Turner's Lane Hospital, Philadelphia. Four photographs, framed. (Presented by Dr. John K. Mitchell.)

Yale University Medical School. Badge with bronze medal, commemorating the centennial of its foundation. (Presented by Dr. William W. Keen.)

In last year's report mention was made of the marked increase in the number of visitors, in the number of books consulted in the Library, and in the number of volumes taken out; the largest number, in each instance, since the College has occupied its present building. This year, while there is some increase in the total number of visitors, the other figures are slightly lower than those for 1913; they are, however, much greater, in each division, than for any year in this building previous to 1913. The evening hours show a decrease (111) in the number of visitors recorded, and the average attendance of the Fellows of the College is considerably lower than for the previous year ($1\frac{8}{100}$ against $2\frac{6}{100}$). The "Study-rooms" have been in constant use throughout the year, the average number of volumes called for and retained in these rooms being about 166—an increase of some $52\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

We lost, by resignation, both our cataloguer and assistant cataloguer in the early part of the current year. We were fortunate in obtaining the services, after a short interval, of a trained cataloguer and an assistant with some experience; in each case, however, without knowledge of medical library work. Their efficiency has been shown by the short time required to obtain a working knowledge of medical terms and medical subject-headings, and the work in this department is progressing satisfactorily.

The war in Europe has affected the Library to some extent in the number of new publications added during the year, and in the regular receipt of current periodicals. Some 300 subscriptions were interrupted, the majority of which (206) were German; these are coming with more regularity at this time. From the present outlook it seems probable that we will feel the effects of this great disturbance more seriously during the ensuing year. Our agents have been able to give but little information; it seems

that no decision has been reached by the foreign publishers, and no statement has been made whether they will allow credit for numbers of periodicals not published, on which subscriptions have been paid in advance, or whether they will extend the subscriptions. While the publication of both French and German journals has been more or less interfered with, at this writing the French seem the more seriously affected. It seems practically certain that a majority of the schools of medicine, with which we exchange publications, will not distribute their theses or dissertations in the near future. Naturally, fewer medical books will be issued, which may be considered a blessing or a calamity, as one views the subject; but, in either case, this stoppage in the accustomed issue of books and journals will lower the report of the number of volumes added to the Library during 1915. Indirectly the Library has suffered the loss, or probable loss, this year, of some additions to its collection of "Incunabula" and rare medical works, as the gift of Fellows of the College who were in Europe, or intended to visit Europe, this past summer.

During the past year the "Library Endowment Funds" have been increased by the Horace Magee Memorial Fund, \$15,000; by an additional \$2,000 to the J. Ewing Mears Fund; and by an additional \$87.39 to the William F. Norris Fund.

Total amount of the Library Endowment Funds	\$105,710.13
Income from Funds for the past year	4,305.24

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